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House and Senate Announce Summer Schedule to Finish Work on State Budget

Legislative priorities dictate new session schedule

Lansing - The Legislature is scheduled to stay in session until the funding priorities of Michigan families, workers and job providers are represented in next years budget, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema and Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche announced today.

We need to work with the House and the governor to balance the budget in a manner that reflects the needs of Michigan residents while not raising taxes. In any tough budget year, its common for negotiations to go through the summer," said Sikkema, R-Wyoming. This is certainly a tough budget year and we are not leaving when we still have work to do.

The Legislature traditionally recesses for the summer months to allow legislators to work within their districts. This year, the Legislature is scheduled to meet every Wednesday until work on the budget is completed.

Balancing Michigan's budget and getting our state government to live within its means again is the number one challenge we face as a Legislature because it has such a large impact on our economy and on job creation, said DeRoche, R-Nov. Taxpayers deserve a better return on the investment they make in Michigan every day and part of delivering on that return is staying until our work as a state government is done.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, and House Majority Floor Leader Chris Ward, R-Brighton, are scheduled to release the updated session calendars later today.

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